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TAGS: MMOL, MARR, MASS, BE, US

SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ZEEBRUGGE

REF: BRUSSELS 1483

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (AMB DENORME) HAS PASSED US ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND NOFORN BASIS COPIES OF FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: (A) TRAEN TO DENORME LETTER DATED FEB. 5; (B) MBZI PREPARED TECHNICAL ANNEX; AND (C) STUDY OF LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF ACCIDENT. ALL DOCUMENTS IN DUTCH. DENORME INFORMED US THAT THEY PROVIDE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF US PAPER PROVIDED FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ZEEBRUGGE AUTHORITIES AND SPELL OUT WHAT HE PREVIOUSLY TOLD US (REFTEL). WE ARE FORWARDING DOCUMENTS TO EUR/WE, MRS. SHIRLEY, TO HAVE LANGUAGE SERVICES MAKE TRANSLATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT TRANSLATIONS BE MADE ASAP AND THAT COPIES BE FORWARDED TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN WASHINGTON (INCLUDING DDESB) AS WELL AS TO EMBASSY, USCINCEUR, CINCUSAREUR AND CINCUSNAVEUR. WE SUGGEST THAT TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION BE MADE FIRST OF (A) AND (B), WHICH RELATIVELY SHORT AND THAT 18 PAGE (C) BE TRANSLATED AND DISTRIBUTED AFTERWARDS. FACT THAT WE HAVE DOCUMENTS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED OUT OF USG CHANNELS AND SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED TO BELGIANS OR ANY OTHER FOREIGNERS.

3. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DAVIGNON -HEAD OF POLITICAL DIRECTORATE FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS) HAS PREPARED LETTER TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH OVERSEES PORTS, SUGGESTING THAT MEETING BE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF ZEEBRUGGE ISSUE WITH ALL INTERESTED BELGIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTERIES. AMONG ISSUES MFA IDENTIFIED WERE THE EFFECT OF THE DECISION ON NATO LOGISTICS, EMPLOYMENT AND SAFETY.

4. COMMENT: BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS GRADUALLY MOVING TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT-WIDE POSITION ON ISSUE TAKING ALL FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE TOWARDS OVERRIDING
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